

REMARKS

Re-examination and allowance of the present application is respectfully requested.

Initially, Applicant would like to thank the Examiner for indicating the allowability of claim s 10-14 and 16.

Applicant also thanks the Examiner for indicating his consideration of the Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement filed on September 6, 2005. However, Applicant notes that the Examiner has not considered the relevancy of certain documents, including previously cited documents JP-10-97558 and 1999-68557.

Applicant notes that a copy of Japanese document 10-97558, along with an English language Abstract was previously submitted to the Examiner with the Information Disclosure Statement filed on October 14, 2001, and that both the Japanese document and the Abstract were indicated to have been considered by the Examiner, as evidenced by the initialed PTO-1449 Form attached to the Office Action mailed on December 2, 2005. Thus, Applicant submits that the Examiner should have indicated his consideration of this document with respect to the September 6, 2005 Information Disclosure Statement (as he previously considered the relevancy of the document) and respectfully, requests such indication at the present time.

With respect to Korean document 1999-68557, Applicant previously informed

the Examiner that no English language translation or Abstract exists for Korean document 1999-68557, and submitted a copy of a Dialog Classic printout as evidence of such. Thus, Applicant is unable to provide the Examiner with an English language translation or Abstract for this document. However, Applicant submits that this document was properly cited to the Examiner, and a copy thereof was provided to the Examiner in compliance with the Patent Office Rules, and thus, the Examiner is obligated to consider the relevance of this document. As no translation or English language counterpart exists for this document, the Examiner is requested to indicate his consideration of this document to the extent he is able to understand the document.

The Examiner also indicated that the documents submitted with the Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement of April 5, 2005 has been considered, but for Japanese document 3061933 and Korean document 1999-68557 (discussed above), stating that the documents are not in English and indicating that at least an English language Abstract for each document should be submitted.

Applicant is somewhat confused by the Examiner's comments. Applicant notes that the Examiner returned a completed copy of a PTO-1449 Form with the December 2, 2005 Office Action, in which the Examiner acknowledged consideration of Japanese document 3061933, along with its English language translation. Thus, Applicant does not understand the need to submit an English language Abstract of this document, as the Examiner has already considered the English language translation of this document.

Further, as noted above, Applicant previously submitted evidence that no English language Abstract or counterpart exists for Korean document 1999-68557.

By the current amendment, Applicant cancels, without prejudice, claims 1-9, 15, 17-19 and 22-25 in order to advance the present application to issue. However, Applicant expressly reserves the right to submit similar type claims in another application. Further, cancellation of the claims in the present application is not to be taken as an acquiescence of the appropriateness of the rejection, but merely as a desire to advance the present application to issue.

In view of the cancellation of claims 1-9, 15, 17-19 and 22-25, Applicant submits that it is no longer necessary to respond to the rejections set forth against these claims. Further, Applicant submits that only allowed claims 10-14 and 16 remain pending in this application. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to re-confirm the allowability of the pending claims, and to pass this application to issue.

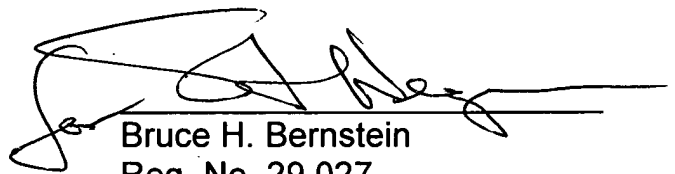
SUMMARY AND CONCLUSION

In view of the fact that none of the art of record, whether considered alone or in combination, discloses or suggests the present invention as defined by the pending claims, and in further view of the above amendments and remarks, reconsideration of the Examiner's action and allowance of the present application is respectfully requested and is believed to be appropriate.

Should an extension of time be necessary to maintain the pendency of this application, including any extensions of time required to place the application in condition for allowance by an Examiner's Amendment, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fee to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

If there should be any questions concerning this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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